

### **U.S. Non-immigrant Visa Fee Increase**

Effective January 1, 2008, the application fee for a U.S. nonimmigrant visa will increase from \$100 to \$131. This increase allows the Department to recover the costs of security and other enhancements to the non-immigrant visa application process.

All visa applicants who paid the prior \$100 application fee before January 1 will be processed without additional cost if they are scheduled and appear for a visa interview before January 31.

All visa applicants who paid the prior \$100 application fee before January 1, but do not appear for an interview before January 31, will be required to pay the additional \$31 before they can be interviewed.

Any payments made by visa applicants after January 1, 2008 regardless of the interview date must be for the full 131 USD fee. The MRV fee receipt is only valid for 90 days.

There is no change in the fee collection procedures. Non-immigrant visa applicants must deposit the MRV application fee and obtain a receipt from Standard Chartered Bank office located at Gulshan Avenue (opposite the Pakistani Embassy) in Dhaka. The non-immigrant visa appointment scheduling service by Saimon Overseas Limited will also remain unchanged.

### **U.S. Immigrant Visa Fee Increase**

Fees for immigrant visas will increase by \$20, to \$355, beginning on January 1, 2008, to cover cost increases in immigrant visa services.

Most Immigrant Visa applicants in Dhaka will not be affected, as their fees are paid at the National Visa Center in Portsmouth, NH, prior to their interviews.

Some Immigrant Visa applicants (including all Diversity Visa applicants) will be required to pay the additional \$20.

The staff at the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka will instruct applicants who need to pay the additional amount to the Consular Cashier. All applicants who pay for any service at the Embassy are provided a receipt.